CIA's Daily Reports Go Directly to Ford Now

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In a move that pleases U.S. intelligence officials, President Ford has reversed a policy of his predecessor and is now receiving his daily written report on global intelligence matters directly from the Central Intelligence Agency.

During the Nixon years, according to White House sources, the daily CIA current intelligence report for the President was generally received in the Oval Office either via Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who also serves as the President's national security adviser, or senior White House aides.

One result of this procedure, sources say, was that the CIA was never sure precisely how much the President saw or read and what, if any, questions or comments he raised.

Though the switch under Mr. Ford may not bring any more information to the President's attention than in the past, many officials view the change as important in terms of assuring full access to the presidency for various important elements within the federal bureaucracy.

Mr. Ford began receiving his reports directly from the CIA during the period when he was Vice President, and asked that the practice be continued after he assumed the presidency.

The intelligence report is said to be delivered by a middle-level CIA official. Sources say Kissinger's White House deputy on the National Security Council staff, Gen. Brent Scowcroft, is frequently present in the President's office when the CIA report is presented.

The CIA prepares a secret current intelligence report daily which gets fairly wide distribution throughout the government.